YEAR 3 Writing Units

Writing Root (Unit)	Leon and the Place Between by Mordicai Gerstein	The Heart and the Bottle by Oliver Jeffers	The BFG by Roald Dahl	The Tin Forest by Helen Ward
Outcomes	Persuasive posters Reviews Setting descriptions Thought bubbles / diary entries Dialogue	Character descriptions Retellings	Character descriptions Wanted posters Instructions Dream scenarios Diary entry recounts New Chapters Letters	Persuasive posters Information leaflets Postcards Diary entries Wishes Setting descriptions
Main Outcome	Own version narrative	Own version narrative	Own version narrative	Persuasive information leaflet
Audience/ Form	• Persuasive poster invite to the magic show • Audience member review of the show • Setting description inside the tent • Conversation between the children • Own version fantasy narrative	• Character description of the girl • Retelling of original story • Story synopses • Own version 'dilemma' • narrative	• Character description of the giant • Wanted poster for a giant • Recipe instructions for 'Revolting Recipes' book • Dream scenarios • New chapter called 'The Plan' • Letter to the BFG • Own version 'child and giant' story	• Persuasive poster to encourage recycling • Informative leaflet for getting rid of rubbish • Postcard to offer advice to Old Man • Diary entry in role as Old Man • Wish to the Moon • Setting description of forest • Information leaflet about protecting the local environment
Purpose	Persuade Inform Describe Entertain	Describe Entertain	Recount Describe Persuade Entertain Inform	Persuade Inform Reflect Describe
Word	abstract nouns word classes vocab choices for effect modal verbs*	prefixes – un, mis, dis words ending -ous suffix -ness *	word classes noun / verb / adjective choices for effect compound words * -sion / -cian / -tion suffix	alliteration strength of adjectives
Sentence	range of sentence types * expanded noun phrases adverbs / adverbial phrases conditional sentences - if	questions * adverbs to sequence adverbs with -ly	adverbs / adverbial phrases similes with 'like' or 'as' commands * conditional sentences – if / when cause and effect conjunctions – because, as, whilst	noun phrases * expanded noun phrases with 'with' * range of sentence types * subordinating conjunctions – although, whilst, because, since modal verbs * preposition phrases
Punctuation	intro to inverted commas question marks *	question marks *	begin to use commas after fronted adverbials * inverted commas for speech	question marks * exclamation marks *
Text	pronouns for cohesion * consistent use of tense *	present perfect simple future paragraphs to group material	headings – recipe writing paragraphs to group material consistent use of past tense	past perfect tense future tense – will paragraphs to group material headings

Writing Root Unit	The Pied Piper of Hamelin by Michael Morpurgo	The Last Garden by Rachel Ip	Cloud Tea Monkeys by Mal Peet & Elspeth Graham	Nen and the Lonely Fisherman by Ian Eagleton & James Mayhew
Outcomes	Writing in role Information reports Adverts Formal letters	Setting descriptions Adverts Recounts Instructional flyers Social media updates Dialogue Formal speech	Descriptive passages Writing in role 'How to' guides Letters Discussions	Adverts Character descriptions Thought bubbles Diary entries Setting descriptions
Main Outcome	Own version myth / legend	Own version narrative	Non-chronological report	Own version narrative
Audience/ Form	• First person reaction to seeing rats • Information report about rats • Advert for a rat-catcher • Persuasive letter to the Mayor • Own version myth	• Setting description of the city then and now • Advert to come to the garden • Recount in role • Instructions for staying safe • Twitter response • Formal awards speech • Own version tale of overcoming adversity	• Descriptive paragraph of an illustration • Thought bubble for Tashi • 'How to' instructions for tasting tea • Letter of thanks to monkeys • Non-chronological report about tea	• Lonely hearts advert • Thought bubbles for Nen and Ernest • Diary entry for Nen about a key event • Message in a bottle • setting description • Own version • traditional tale with a twist
Purpose	Reflect Inform Persuade	Describe Persuade Recount	Describe Reflect Inform	Describe Reflect Entertain
Word	word classes * adverbs with -ly * -sion / -tion suffix modal verbs *	-ful / -less suffix * adverbs with -ly * superlatives -est *	use forms of a or an imperative verbs homophones	use forms of a or an -ing forms of adjectives verbs for personification
Sentence	noun phrases with 'of'* conjunctions – as, because, but, although, so sentence types * conditional sentences – if questions * adverbial phrases	abstract noun phrases with 'of' subordinating / contrasting conjunctions sentence types * subordinate clauses prepositions – before / after adverbials of time	expanded noun phrases prepositions conjunctions of time / place / cause sentence types *	expanded noun phrases conjunctions to jon / contrast preposition phrases adverbs of time
Punctuation	question marks *	possessive apostrophe* commas after fronted adverbials * inverted commas for speech apostrophes for contraction	inverted commas for speech sentence ending punctuation *	question marks * commas in a list
Text	heading / subheadings to organise pronouns to avoid repetition * paragraphs to group material	present perfect paragraphs to group material	present perfect headings and subheadings paragraphs to group material	present perfect paragraphs to group material

Writing Root Unit	The Mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsberg	How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson	Jim, A Cautionary Tale by Hilaire Belloc	Our Tower by Joseph Coelho
Outcomes	Diary entries Dialogue Setting descriptions Captions and titles	Lost posters Dialogue Character descriptions Setting descriptions Ledger entries Instructions Letters of warning	Warning posters Warning announcements Letters of apology Alternative endings Performance poetry	Poems Setting descriptions Diary entries Dialogue Letters of thanks
Main Outcome	Mystery narrative	Prequel	Narrative poem	Extended narrative
Audience/ Form	• Atmospheric setting description • Diary entry of girl with caterpillars • New titles for illustrations • Captions to accompany new titles • Short mystery story • Mystery story based on a photograph	• Lost poster to warn • Setting description of the Chinese garden • Character description of old men • Prequel to the story • Instructions for 'how to live forever' • Letter from the Ancient Child • Prequel story	• Warning poster about consequences of actions • Tannoy announcement to warn Jim • Letters of apology from Jim to Nurse • Alternative ending to Jim story • Performance of Jim poem • Own version cautionary narrative poem	• Sound poem of a walk to the park • Setting descriptions • Conversation between children and Tree-Grown Man • Diary entry of one child • Letter to the Tree-Grown Man • Extended fantasy narrative
Purpose	Describe Inform Entertain	Persuade Describe Inform Entertain	Inform Reflect Entertain	Entertain Describe Reflect Inform
Word	-ing suffix (gerunds) -un prefix * similes	word families – mortal, forever -ful, -less suffix modal verbs*	rhyming words -ly adverbs	onomatopoeia
Sentence	questions / statements * noun phrases with 'of' * prepositions of place adverbs of time	conditional sentences – if conjunctions – because, or, as, since range of sentence types * noun phrases with 'of' or 'with' adverbs / conjunctions / prepositions of time	range of sentence types * adverbial phrases conditional sentences – if/then order of clauses *	prepositions – in, of expanded noun phrases range of sentence types * conjunctions - but, although, before, after, while adverbials of time order of clauses *
Punctuation	questions marks * inverted commas for speech	question marks * exclamation marks * inverted commas for speech	question marks * exclamation marks * commas between clauses *	inverted commas for speech apostrophes for contraction * bullet points to organise *
Text	present / past perfect paragraphs to group material	imperative verb forms to sequence conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions for cohesion *	rhyming couplets present progressive verb forms * simple past tense *	present perfect simple past tense * paragraphs to group material

*indicates coverage from a different year group